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Dear Mr. Marshall,

Hello, my name is Alyssa Parsons. I am currently an eighth grader at Saint Edward School in the Bay Area. I am writing this letter because I am concerned about the fish population decreasing if you start pumping water into the bay.

The Delta smelt is at the lowest amount it has ever been at! If you decide to pump the water into the Delta we will loose many native fish. The Fish biologists believe that there are three reasons that may cause the Delta to collapse. One is the water quality, another is massive fresh water diversion, and exotic species may die. Please don't let this happen.

California can meet the amount of water that we need without having to pump water into the estuary! The Delta Estuary is the largest Estuary in the Western States as you may already know and we need to protect it. Besides hurting the Bay Area by pumping the water into the Delta you will hurt Southern California.

The Delta will still provide enough water to last far into the future without having to pump the water. If you pump it the water quality won't be that great and the Delta will collapse. There are many other ways to treat this problem but try to choose an environmentally friendly way.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and listening to my ideas and opinions!

Sincerely.

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